Dr. Kamesam.

30. *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the covenant period for which Dr. Kamesam was employed by them;

(*b*) for what purpose was his service secured; and

(*c*) what his present connection, if any, with the Development Department is?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: (*a*) Three years from the 16th February 1938.

(*b*) To tap fresh sources of income from forests which have admittedly large resources by way of softwood, bamboos, etta, etc., reduce wastes in conversion to a minimum and effect a complete orientation in the policy till now followed in timber exploitation.

(*c*) He has no connection with the Development Department now. He has taken leave preparatory to retirement from the service of the Government of India and his deputation with this Government has terminated.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): May I now what was the exact nature of his services?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: Developing the forest resources of the country.

Promotions in the Transport Department.

31. *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the principle followed by the Transport Department in the matter of promotions; and

(*b*) whether that principle was followed in the last wholesale promotions necessitated by the extension of the Transport Service?

MR. K. SANKARAN: (*a*) Efficiency.

(*b*) Yes.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know what is the criterion for efficiency?

MR. K. SANKARAN: Efficiency is determined from the confidential reports made by the supervising authorities.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether depot clerks were recruited from applicants who have applied direct?

MR. K. SANKARAN: I am not aware. Sir,

Audit of Co-operative Societies.

32. *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Co-operative societies audited by the departmental staff in 1112, 1113 and 1114;

(*b*) the number of societies audited by other auditors in 1112, 1113 and 1114;

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